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1. A changeover from civilian to military production took place in some of the Zbrojovka plants in Moravia during the first half of 1949. At the Bojkovice (P50/T 39) plant, for instance, 90 percent of the production is devoted to Mk 34 and Mk RGZJ hand grenades, signal projectiles, and rockets. About 1,800,000 hand grenades are to be produced this year. Approximately 600 men are employed in this plant, which also produces fireworks and toys for civilian use.
2. At the Jablunkov nad Becvou (Q50/X 65) plant production of toys and fireworks has been stopped altogether except for finishing orders taken in 1948. The manufacture of hand grenades has been accelerated. In 1948, nine hundred thousand Mk RGZJ type hand grenades were made along with an unknown amount of Mk Janeczek grenades. More than one million Mk RGZJ grenades and two thousand rockets are scheduled to be produced in 1949. Six hundred workers are employed at this factory, which employed more than one thousand during the war.
3. The Vsetin (Wsetin - P50/O 43) plant produces machine guns, and many articles for civilian consumption. Sewing machines, electric dairy machines, weaving machines, presses, pantographs, and tools are some of the products made here. More than 5,000 men are employed in this plant which between 1945 and 1947 produced and shipped more than 3,000 machine guns to the Arab states and Israel.

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5. A decentralization scheme for the Zbrojovka plants is being carried out. There will no longer be a central Zbrojovka directorate, but the main plants will be self-administered and some of the minor plants will be dependent upon them. For example, the Vsetin plant will become an administrative entity upon which the Jablunka, Bojkovice, and Bohuslavice plants will be dependent. *
6. A new factory building has been constructed and production targets have been increased at the Vsetin division of the Moravian Electric Plants (MEZ - Moravske elektricke zavody). More than 1,500 men are employed here producing electric motors, transformers, electric welders, and dynamometers. Electric motors of various sizes under 25 KW and over 25 KW are produced here. Over 70 percent of production is devoted to motors of more than 25 KW.
 - a. The total value of production of the Vsetin MEZ plant in the first half of 1949 was 54 million Kcs. Production scheduled for the second half of 1949 is to be valued at 120 million Kcs. Three hundred million Kcs worth of goods are to be produced in 1950.
 - b. An increase in the number of employees to keep pace with the increased output is anticipated. In 1950, 1,600 are to be working, in 1951 the number of employees is to be raised to 2,000, and 2,500 are to be employed by 1952.
7. The MEZ plant at Frenstat pod Radhostem (Radhost Mountain - P50/O 55), together with the affiliated Skrat plant at Hulin (Hullein - P50/O 02), has been ordered to get out 256 million Kcs worth of production in 1949 and 360 million Kcs worth in 1950.
8. The MEZ plant at Brumov is supposed to produce 60 million Kcs worth of goods in 1949 and 80 million Kcs worth in 1950. **
9. Iron and other metals needed to produce dynamos are in short supply. The stocks on hand plus the allotment granted by the Central Planning Council were to be sufficient until the end of 1949, but are expected to suffice only until 15 November 1949. There are enough rare metals to last until 30 March 1950 because the MEZ and the GKD (Ceskomoravska Kolben-Danek) have been granted 70 percent of the total available supply.
10. Forty percent of the production of the MEZ plants goes to the Soviet Union. Exports of electrical equipment to Yugoslavia have been stopped.

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- * Gazetteer of Czechoslovakia, Map Series G.S.G.S. 4346, Central Europe, 1:250,000 lists six Moravian towns named Bohuslavice. The town in point probably is Bohuslavice (Bohuslawitz) near Uhersky Brod (Ungarisch Brod - P50/O 40).
- ** The above Gazetteer lists Brumow (P50/N 23) and Brumow (P50/O 40). The second location probably applies in this case.

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